

BERLIN COMMERCE DRIVE COLLAPSES

Washington Sees Bogy of
Post-War Trade Supremacy
Disappearing.

FIGURES SHOW SLUMP

During March German Imports
Exceeded Exports
8,600,000,000 Marks.

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Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The bogy of German post-war supremacy in world commerce is collapsing, officials of this government are now convinced.

Bringing to a climax evidence of Teutonic trade illness in the past six months, which economists like the experts of the Department of Commerce have been watching closely, Germany in March slumped into an adverse trade balance, with imports exceeding exports by some \$800,000,000 marks as the net deficit for that month, according to figures made available here.

The feverish trade of Germany after the war, continuing at high heat up until the last few months, raised the bugaboo of world domination by a recuperating industrial nation which could dump cheaply manufactured products into the markets of the world, and a considerable section of American popular opinion entertained apprehension of a German commercial drive, which would force competing countries out of the markets.

Germany Undercuts Rivals.
Germany made that drive, and comparison of export statistics, for instance, for 1920 and 1921, shows how the undercurrent competition and gave the apprehensive some grounds for believing the bogy was a thing of substance.

But during the past six months, authorities in the Department of Commerce have discovered the signs of collapse which they have known was inevitable. Germany's post-war advantage has been based on the rottenness of an old financial fabric.

The German manufacturer had the advantage of a downward sliding mark, and of labor costs held continuously low because of government living subsidies which kept living down, a practice that relieved pressure for higher wages.

Germany has been, in her commercial rush since the war, undercutting competition because of the decreased external value of her currency, and low labor costs. The mark dropped faster than internal readjustment was accomplished. The decline was always speedier than the logical corresponding rise in labor costs, and the manufacturer has kept one jump ahead because of the advantage of that discrepancy.

Holds Abnormal Advantage.
It has not been a situation which could last. Germany must remedy it, and as soon as the abnormal advantage of the sliding mark has vanished, because of stabilizing of the mark, and as soon as labor costs mount with the abolition of living subsidies, the German advantage is gone. The adverse trade statistics of most recent months reflect a degree of stability which has been attained by the mark.

Germany has had a favorable trade balance through the winter months, but for March her imports were \$9,600,000,000 marks, and her exports, \$1,000,000,000 marks. The excessive imports were largely in import materials, ores, hides and skins, fats and oils included. Imports of food were less. The unfavorable balance of March is the more extraordinary because in January and February Germany had favorable balances of \$1,000,000,000 and \$1,200,000,000 marks, respectively.

Offensive Falls.
In a few weeks, as government specialists see it, the German offensive into the world markets has fallen short. Americans have lamented the decline of our foreign trade, but it has reached its nadir and turning point. The same is true with regard to British trade. But Germany's foreign commerce seems to have struck the toboggan.

Most recent reports from Germany indicate a new rush to get rid of German money. In certain cities merchants are refusing to sell more than one article to a customer who wants to buy in marks. People have been trying to convert the doubtful money into goods by purchases. The merchants put on a limitation rule. But a customer offering foreign money could buy the store if he desired.

German competition, based on subsidies and the declining value of the mark, the two interlocking, is competition based on a rotten foundation, which is already slipping away. The trend of German trade is toward a return to pre-war basis, of which American commerce is not afraid. The post-war advantage of a defeated empire is about dissipated. These are the opinions of the specialists of this government, who, with every advantage of intimate information and contact through observers, are watching the trend of commerce the world over.

PASTOR MAKE A PLEA FOR PEACE, EXTOLLING BLUES' DEAD IN WAR

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To secure the peace of the world, Dr. MacLachlan declared, "The league of nations and the disarmament conference mean nothing else than that the world is tired of war and is looking for some way out. Will it find it? Not by leagues and conferences alone. Something more fundamental is needed.

"Peace without good will is only an armed truce which may be broken at any moment, and it is only as nations learn to understand and respect each other in the spirit of in-

Sir John J. Asser to Be Governor of Bermuda

HAMILTON, BERMUDA, May 7.—General Sir James Willcocks, the most decorated man in the British army, is to be succeeded as Governor of Bermuda by Lieutenant-General Sir John Joseph Asser, advised received here state.

Sir John Joseph Asser was born in 1847, entered the British army in 1865, and was attached to the Nile Expedition in 1897-98. He was present at the battles of Atbara and Khartoum and commanded the Sudan Expedition 1922. Although he had retired from the army when the world war began he rejoined and was placed as commander of an area.

In 1901, Sir John Joseph Asser married Lella, daughter of James Wetherston, of New York.

International good will that wars will cease.

"He who but ignorantly reads the signs of the times does not see that already in Europe seeds are being sown that I do not say will—God forbid—but may germinate in another war. And so long as that possibility exists, armies and navies will be a necessity. I honor the pacifists (Quakers and others), who were willing to go to jail for the sake of principle, but I cannot agree with them when they say that the use of force is never necessary. The whole history of the world bears witness to the fact that but for armed defense the rights and liberties of mankind would time and again have been trampled underfoot.

"But there is a higher task yet assigned to you, namely, to fight the battles of peace. It is an old saying that 'peace hath its victories no less renowned than war.' It is the same spirit of the soldier that actuated you in the wars of 1812, 1861-65, 1898 and 1916-18 that calls you to this warfare. The enemies are the same—the spirit of aggression and oppression, of pride and fear and hate. The discipline and morale—the stern purpose, the self-sacrifice, the heroism, the enthusiasm—required are the same. Only the weapons are different. For the sword, the halberd, the rifle, the press, for the high explosive, the indignation and aroused conscience, for the air plane, the vision of a better world, for the torch, the sure safeguard of upright life. In this warfare you will not fail. Wherever there is a wrong to be righted, you will be there. Wherever injustice tramples on the weak, your sword will leap from its scabbard. Wherever ignorance blocks the way of progress, your battle cry will be heard.

There Have Been Holy Wars.

"The past finds its complete fulfillment only in the future. But that is no reflection on the past. The past is necessary to the present, to the future. History is growth. The acorn is not the oak, but no acorn, no oak. So, as we look back over history we find that there has been a place in the purpose of God for many things that were only provisional. One of them is the profession of arms. He but truly interprets the past who refuses to see that in much of the world's most priceless possessions have been purchased by the sword of God and of Gideon. I make no apology for wars of aggression. I can detect no spiritual leadership in the just of empire which actuated the ancients, the Xerxes, the Alexander, the Napoleons of the world. But there have been holy wars. Shall Americans impugn the justice of the Revolution? Shall Virginians, above all people, repudiate the achievements of Manassas and Chancellorsville, and allow so much as a breath of suspicion to tarnish the pathetic memory of the Lost Cause?

"In the midst of life we are in death," runs the beautiful words of the Episcopal service for the dead, and we are reminded of them with peculiar poignancy as, looking into the faces of the living, we remember the dead who gave their lives for their country in the world war." Dr. MacLachlan concluded.

CIVIL WARFARE IN CHINA JUST BEGUN

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station in Tientsin at noon today said that no further fighting would be necessary if General Chang Tso Lin's men withdrew outside the great wall. He added that as Chang had invaded a province within which he had no jurisdiction he would not return to his headquarters until Chang was outside the border.

Wu Would Unite China.

The declaration was made today by General Wu that he is not interested in politics but that he desires the unification of China, a better government and a representative Parliament. He said he would not fight the forces of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, head of the Southern government, unless they advanced further south. The victory of Wu's troops near Peking was won by a brigade of the eleventh division personally commanded by Wu. He said today he did not believe General Chang would offer further resistance.

It is expected that the Peking Lin will reopen tomorrow. A detachment of Chang's cavalry appeared at Yangtun this morning and again interrupted railway communications to Peking.

Situation Improves.

Late advice is to the effect that the situation at Lanchow, Linzi and Kueich, which has been precarious owing to the concentration there of hungry troops of Chang, is improving. The British volunteers sent to Kueich are being withdrawn. This evening borders of the retreating Fengtien troops are crossing the Hai River below Tientsin. Their retreat is cut off by General Wu's troops at Chundiancheng, and one Fengtien brigade has already been disarmed. Present alarm is expressed regarding the presence of detachments of Fengtien troops in the outskirts of the concessions, but the precautions adopted are regarded as adequate to ward off their entry.

TO RECORD ACTION OF PLANE PILOTS

Three New Instruments Per-
fected to Minimize Ac-
cidents in the Air.

GREAT AID TO FLYERS

Devices Will Show Movements
of Aviators on Photo-
graphic Film.

By Clayton Whitehill,
United News Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Airplane fatalities since the beginning of aviation have been attributed largely to faulty construction, but only recently has considerable attention been given to faulty control, and not until now have devices been perfected whereby the pilot can make an actual record of everything he and his airplane did during flight.

Three special instruments have just been perfected by the engineers and pilot of the national advisory committee for aeronautics to record the speed of the airplane in the air, the loadings or changes in weight on the wings, and the movement of the control by the aviator.

Work on these instruments has been under the direction of Dr. J. S. Ames, chairman of the executive committee and professor of physics at Johns Hopkins University. These three instruments, the committee points out, are synchronized to operate simultaneously by means of a timing device which makes possible the co-ordination of the three records into a complete whole, available for study and analysis.

The first instrument is a recording air speedometer, which makes a record of how fast the airplane is going from the minute it starts on the ground until it completes the flight. The second is a recording accelerometer, which shows the variations in the loading on the wings when landing, taking off, or while running along the ground. In flying through a loop, for example, the pilot is sitting down hard as he goes up and again as he flattens out, but he is literally hanging in his belt at the top of the loop. The third instrument, the control-position recorder, shows the exact position of all the controls during any "stunt" or part of a flight.

Employed at Hampton.
Although fairly complicated themselves, the operation of these instruments is simple and mechanical because the record is made on a photographic film. The results reveal for the first time, it was said, a practical method of securing information in testing new types of airplanes, and for determining the ability and technique of a pilot. The last function, it was thought, will be of great value to the pilots themselves and to instructors of novices, who are seldom able to recall just what they are doing at a given time.

The instruments developed have been employed at the advisory committee's free-flight laboratory, at Hampton, Va., by Test Pilot Thomas Carroll, in studying ordinary and stunt maneuvers, including looping, rolling, and various types of turns.

Landing Most Important.
In his report on the tests, Pilot Carroll points out the importance of taking off and landing, "which are the determining factors of the safety and perhaps the longevity of a pilot." Of the two, he says, landing is perhaps the more important, for it is in this phase of a flight that the majority of accidents and damage occur.

Further developments toward perfecting these recording instruments, the committee has announced, include the addition of a recording device to show the progressive speed or revolutions of the engine, and another device to record the actual force or power the pilot applies to the controls. This, it was said, will indicate whether or not the pilot "drives" with a loose or tight rein, and whether he abuses his controls or the airplane itself.

MARYLAND ISSUE IS ANTISALOON LEAGUE'S POWER

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Give the Anti-Saloon League too much power, and her feeling, reflected by others of the same class, and aided by the "wets," resulted in defeat of Maryland's super-enforcement bill. There was a set determination by certain influential elements in Maryland political life that the Anti-Saloon League should not be permitted to get unduly powerful. Now the league, working under the release of stinging defeat by the State Legislature, is being crowded by anti-league elements with the hope that perhaps its last lingering breath of life may be joyously snuffed out.

Such is really the beginning and end of Maryland politics for the moment at least. The Baltimore Sun has served notice it will ask every candidate the same question and will support no candidate that does not unequivocally answer whether he is "wet" or "dry."

France "Pussyfooting."
Senator Joseph France, Republican, noted particularly for his activities in support of American recognition of Russia and his votes against the Versailles, Four-power and naval treaties, is running for re-nomination and re-election. Opposed to him is

"ALL ARE SCATTERED NOW AND FLED; SOME ARE MARRIED, SOME ARE DEAD

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, May 7.—There are probably not more than 3,000 Eskimos scattered across the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of Canada, but they have to comply with the law. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are still engaged in combing these scattered tribes and obtaining particulars as to their occupation, ages and whether married or single.

The first batch of mail received from the far north at police headquarters here brings a report of the Eskimo census completed last August by members of the R.C.M.P. The report shows that the Eskimo inhabitants of the Arctic, from Coronation Gulf to the Alaskan boundary, number 1,264 souls.

To the east of Coronation Gulf, and including the Kent Peninsula, there are probably as many more.

METHODIST BISHOPS FILL CITY'S PULPITS

Hot Springs Congregations
Hear Sermons by Confer-
ence Delegates.

[By Associated Press.]
HOT SPRINGS, ARK., May 7.—Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, filled all the pulpits of the city this morning and tonight, there being no general assembly of the conference, which is in session here.

The most important subject to come up on committee reports this week will be unification of the churches, the further recognition of women in the higher church circles and the filling of the vacancies among the ranks of the bishops.

It was said delegates are being bombarded by letters and telegrams to support this or that applicant for places in the college of bishops. It has not been determined yet as to how many vacancies will exist. The conference members asserted that legislation will provide for at least a dozen to be elected, while others contend that only the vacancies by death or superannuation will be filled.

It is thought by some of the delegates that bishops will be elected and delegated with authority in certain foreign fields. This was recommended in the college of bishops in the episcopal address.

Colonel E. C. Carrington, formerly of Maryland, but who recently has been in New York most of the time, Carrington decided to come "back home," attack France as a Bolshevik and drive the Senator out of public life. The Bolshevik issue not having reached such temperature to arouse any one much in Maryland to a high pitch of excitement, there is not great interest in the contest. There is more interest in whether France, who opposed the eighteenth amendment, but later also opposed the beer and light wines bill, is going to "pussyfoot" on the big issue—are you "wet" or are you "dry?"

Carrington may get a respectable vote outside Baltimore, but France has been playing with the Baltimore Republican machine, and if he is "wet" enough, he should win the Republican primaries.

The Democratic senatorial race has settled down between Davy Lewis, the Democratic senatorial nominee in 1916 beaten by France, and William Norris, president of the State Senate. Norris acquired political prominence and strength when he proved influential in the Maryland Senate's defeat of the Anti-Saloon League bill, which would have provided the drastic Volstead law for the State. While both Lewis and Norris are listed in the "wet" column, Norris may be able to prove that he is the "wettest" of all, as revealed by his recent record, and that would seem sufficient to win him the primaries. The Democrats also should prove able to regain a Democratic senatorial seat if France wins the Republican nomination.

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DIRECTOR DAWES' REPORT TO SHOW GOVERNMENT COST

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ernment's business. Of this sum about \$12,000,000 represents postponed construction and maintenance which will probably be unnecessary under the reduced program of next year.

It affords an interesting compar-

CASH REGISTER HEAD DIES ABOARD TRAIN

John H. Patterson Is Stricken
While En Route to At-
lantic City.

[By Associated Press.]
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 7.—John H. Patterson, founder and chairman of the board of directors of the National Cash Register Company, Dayton, Ohio, died suddenly today aboard a train bound for this city.

Patterson was stricken with a heart attack and died before medical assistance could reach him. He was seated in a chair chatting with his valet, his only companion, when, as the train passed through Kirkwood, Camden County, he suddenly fell unconscious. Dr. P. Traubau, of Saratoga Lake, N. Y., who was in the next car, was summoned and tried to revive the stricken man, but all restoratives failed. He had been a sufferer from a chronic cardiac condition.

The body was brought to this city and the authorities, after an investigation, ordered it sent to an undertaker for burial. William Roberts, the valet, wired the family and is awaiting instructions.

Mr. Patterson had reservations at a beach front hotel, where he was to have remained for two weeks for the benefit of his health. Arrangements will probably be made to take the body to Dayton tomorrow.

son to note that the expenditures for the current fiscal year were estimated last December by the director of the budget at \$2,957,923,360, and that the actual expenditures will be \$45,559,236 less than that estimate. With this reduction the expenditure for the year will be \$3,922,372,024, which is approximately \$1,600,000,000 less than the actual outlay for the preceding fiscal year.

It is not dependable to estimate savings and economies wholly on the figures presented to Congress in making up the budget, nor on the figures approved by the Congress in making its appropriations. Economies and savings must, of necessity, be brought about through administrative action.

The pressure for reduced expenditures and increased economies resulted in an estimated reserve last August out of the appropriations for the current fiscal year of over \$112,000,000, and continued pressure since that time has raised this reserve to approximately \$135,000,000, net after making a re-appropriation by Congress of over \$7,000,000 of the original reserve. This reveals the possibilities of the widespread administrative commitment of the cost in the government business. On the whole, I believe Congress will find the operation of the newly adopted method of highly gratifying, not only in having brought about reductions in expenditures in accord with the manifest wishes of Congress in reduced appropriations, but in revealing the possibilities of large savings through still more efficient methods in the future, thus conveying to the people the determination of those in authority to operate the government effectively at the least possible cost, to make the government's full contribution to a return to the normal ways of peace, and ultimately lifting the excessive burden of taxation."

Mike Finn Drops Dead.

OMAHA, NEB., May 7.—Mike Finn, owner of the Omaha Western League baseball club, dropped dead at the Western League baseball park here yesterday afternoon. Mr. Finn's death followed a home run made by a Tulsa player with one man on base. Heart failure was the cause.

CO-OPERATIVE PLAN IS GAINING IN CAROLINA

Landslide Starts in Favor of
New Tobacco Selling
System.

GOLDSDORH CHAMBER ACTS

Send Out Nine Teams to Canvass
Rural Areas for New Members
for Association—Other Cities Fall
in Line.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALEIGH, N. C., May 7.—That a landslide in favor of co-operative marketing of tobacco has started in Eastern Carolina seems apparent from news today reaching Raleigh headquarters of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association from Wayne County, which has the largest number of members in the association, on a campaign among the farmers and business men of this part of the State.

Following last week's announcement by the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce that thirty-five men would make up nine teams from Goldsboro to follow every rural mail route leading from the city into Wayne County, the subject of canvassing for new members for the association, today's news of similar successes at other points throughout the State gives every indication of a solid gain for the work of organizing the tobacco farmers of the State.

Enthusiastic Meetings.
A message from Dr. Joyner reports enthusiastic conferences of business men at Chadbourn, Fairbairn and Proctorsville, pledging the support of co-operative marketing of tobacco. The business men of Lumberton have endorsed the movement and will aid in the canvass for new members, according to Dr. Joyner.

Two hundred business men of Rowland and Fairmont, the leading tobacco markets of Robeson County, unanimously endorsed the movement, pledged an active canvass for members and will furnish all necessary facilities. With 300 farmers and the leading business men of Springhope present, a special committee was appointed to carry on the campaign for a large majority sign-up in that community.

Close Shops for Meeting.
All places of business at Statesville, N. C., were closed for the meeting, which overflowed the courthouse, resulting in the decision of Nashville business men to build warehousing facilities to lease to the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association. A clean-up campaign for signers was enthusiastically initiated.

A telegram from James C. Stone, president of the Kentucky Burley Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association, reaching Raleigh headquarters of the Carolina-Virginia Association last week, stated that during the month of February sales of the organized growers through the Burley association averaged \$23 per 100 pounds, as compared with the average of \$20.2 per 100 for the tobacco of the unorganized growers on the auction floors of Kentucky.

CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS LOST BY JAP COURIER

[By United News.]
MEXICO CITY, May 7.—Important confidential documents which were being carried from the Japanese legation here to the Japanese embassy at Washington are reported as having been stolen at Vera Cruz as the courier was boarding the steamship Monterey for New York Friday.

The messenger, Eusebio Yamazaki, with two others, embarked disguised as carpenters and missed the portfolio just before sailing. The legation, which refuses to comment on the loss of the papers, has offered a reward for their recovery.

Veteran of 89 Still an Active Farmer

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., May 7.—Wyatt J. May, who is the progenitor of one of the largest families in Virginia, celebrated the 89th anniversary of his birth at his home at May's Mill, Bedford County, Sunday, when twelve sons and daughters and about 150 relatives called to pay their respects. A native of Nelson County, Mr. May has been living for fifty years in Bedford County, where he has engaged actively in farming and operating a flouring mill. He has fifteen living children, twelve of whom were present for the anniversary Sunday, seventy-nine grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren, the aggregate of the three generations being 115.

Mr. May is a Confederate, having fought through the war. He is a member of the Forest Lodge of Masons and the Forest Baptist Church. Living three miles from Forest, the nonagenarian thinks nothing of walking to lodge or church, rather than to use a day, and he works over his farm horse which has worked all about the farm place.

Hardware Dealers to Meet.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., May 7.—Delegates to the annual meeting of the Southern Eastern Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' Association, which opens a three-day session here Tuesday, began arriving in the city tonight, and about 1,500 are expected to be in attendance from all sections of Dixie.

The battle had ended when a large force of police, answering a riot call, arrived. A large crowd had gathered and threats of further violence were being made, officials stated. Hunt was discovered hiding in the loft of a yard office and rushed to the police station.

1 DEAD, 3 INJURED, IN ATLANTA RIOT

Shooting Results From Rock
Battle Between Whites
and Blacks.

[By Associated Press.]


ATLANTA, GA., May 7.—Dan Walton, 18, is dead; three men, two white and one negro, are believed to be wounded fatally and two others injured seriously as the result of a riot in the yard office of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic Railroad here this afternoon.

The shooting resulted from a rock battle between several negro employees of the railroad and a number of white men, officials stated. Charlie Hunt, a negro porter in the yard office, was approached by the white men and reproached for working for the road during the strike. Police asserted, and when he answered impudently, the rock battle resulted.

Running into one of the office buildings, he secured shotguns and recruited three other negroes, Charlie Manley, Robert Williams and Albert Everett, and charged the white men. It was stated. The white men were unarmed, but withstood the attack with rocks. Police in the vicinity rushed to the scene.

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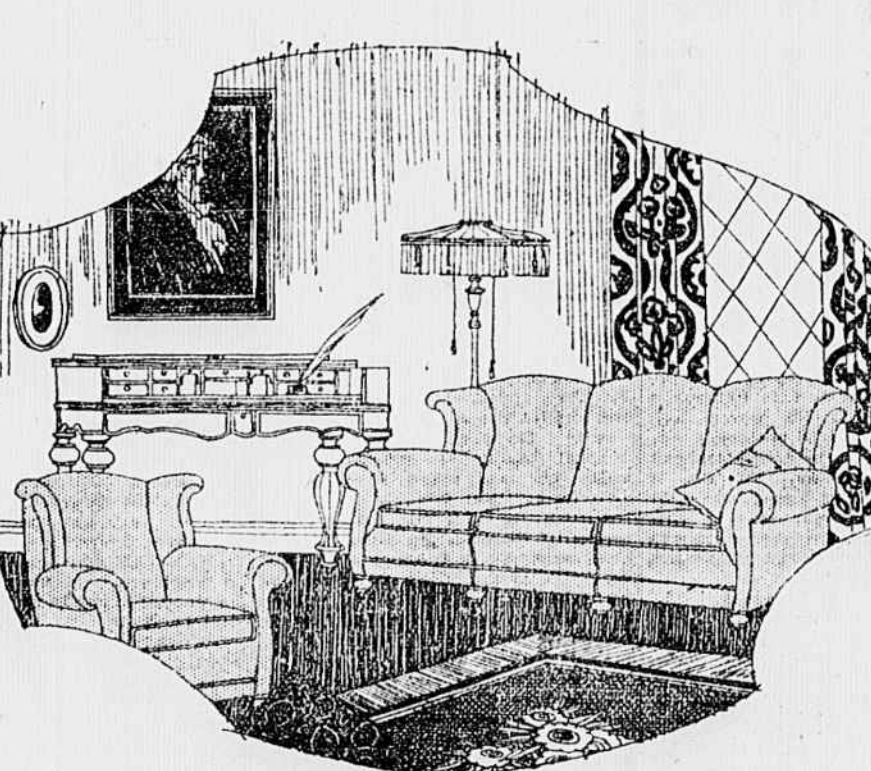
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